

HONORABLE JAMAL N. WHITEHEAD

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)

Plaintiff,)

v.)

NO. 2:24-cr-00164-JNW

1. MARQUIS JACKSON,)

2. MARKELL JACKSON,)

3. MANDEL JACKSON,)

4. EDGAR VALDEZ,)

5. KEONDRE JACKSON,)

6. MICHAEL YOUNG,)

7. SIR TERRIQUE MILAM,)

8. TYRELL LEWIS,)

9. ROBERT JOHNSON,)

10. MATELITA JACKSON,)

11. MIRACLE PATU-JACKSON,)

12. DIYANA ABRAHA,)

13. ADEAN BATINGA,)

14. TIANNA KARASTAN,)

15. ROBERT BELLAIR,)

16. RONALD FINKBONNER,)

17. PATRICK JAMES,)

18. THOMAS MORRIS,)

19. CHAD CONTI, and)

20. PHILLIP LAMONT)

ALEXANDER,)

Defendants.)

ORDER APPOINTING
RUSSELL M. AOKI AS
THE COORDINATING
DISCOVERY ATTORNEY

1 It is hereby **ORDERED** that Russell M. Aoki of Aoki Law PLLC is
2 appointed as Coordinating Discovery Attorney for court-appointed defense
3 counsel.
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5 The Coordinating Discovery Attorney shall oversee any discovery issues
6 common to all defendants. His responsibilities will include:
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- 8 • Managing and, unless otherwise agreed upon with the government,
9 distributing discovery produced by the government and relevant
10 third-party information common to all defendants;
- 11 • Assessing the amount and type of case data to determine what types
12 of technology should be evaluated and used so duplicative costs are
13 avoided, and the most efficient and cost-effective methods are
14 identified;
- 15 • Acting as a liaison with federal prosecutors to ensure the timely and
16 effective exchange of discovery;
- 17 • Identifying, evaluating, and engaging third-party vendors and other
18 litigation support services;
- 19 • Assessing the needs of defense counsel and further identifying any
20 additional vendor support that may be required—including copying,
21 scanning, forensic imaging, data processing, data hosting, trial
22 presentation, and other technology depending on the nature of the
23 case;
- 24 • Identifying any additional human resources that may be needed by
25 the individual parties for the organization and substantive review of
26 information; and
- 27 • Providing training on the use of litigation support tools to the defense
28 teams as a group and individually.

1 When executing these responsibilities, the Coordinating Discovery
2 Attorney shall assess, with input from defense counsel, the most effective and
3 cost-efficient manner of organizing the discovery.
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5 The Coordinating Discovery Attorney's duties do not include providing
6 representation services and, therefore, will not be establishing an attorney-
7 client relationship with any defendant. Discovery intended for counsel of a
8 specific defendant and not to be shared among all defense counsel shall be
9 produced by the government directly to defense counsel for that defendant.
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11 Except for discovery matters common to all defendants, discovery issues
12 specific to any defendant shall be addressed by defense counsel directly with
13 the government and not through the Coordinating Discovery Attorney.
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16 Any common discovery already produced by the government before this
17 Order shall be produced by the government to the Coordinating Discovery
18 Attorney within 14 days. Unless otherwise agreed or if time does not allow,
19 any additional discovery not already produced shall be provided directly to the
20 Coordinating Discovery Attorney, who shall duplicate and distribute the
21 discovery to all defense counsel, unless the government elects to produce
22 discovery directly to defense counsel with a simultaneous copy to the
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1 Coordinating Discovery Attorney. The government shall work with the
2 Coordinating Discovery Attorney to provide discovery in a timely manner.
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4 The Coordinating Discovery Attorney shall petition this Court, *ex parte*,
5 for funds for outside services and shall monitor all vendor invoices for these
6 services, including confirming that the work previously agreed upon was
7 performed. However, the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts Defender
8 Services Office will pay for his time and the time spent by his staff. All
9 petitions for outside services shall include a basis for the requested funds and
10 an assessment of whether the costs of the services are necessary and
11 reasonable.
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15 The Coordinating Discovery Attorney shall also provide this Court with
16 monthly *ex parte* status reports depicting the status of work, anticipated third-
17 party services, and whether that work remains within the budget of any funds
18 authorized by the Court, with a copy provided to defense counsel.
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21 DATED this 22nd day of November 2024.
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25 Jamal N. Whitehead
26 U.S. District Court Judge
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